

SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 597

By Haynes

A RESOLUTION to congratulate Nossi Vatandoost and the Nossi College of Art on the occasion of the school's 30th Anniversary.

WHEREAS, this General Assembly takes great pride in paying tribute to those businesses that serve the people of their community and beyond; and

WHEREAS, Nossi Vatandoost has an enduring love of art and teaching, which led her to establish the Nossi School of Art in 1973; and

WHEREAS, Nossi and her husband, Ira, overcame the financial and personal obstacles of starting a business; and

WHEREAS, Nossi School of Art, in its desire to give students the training they need to make a career with their talents, changed the curriculum emphasis from Fine Arts to Commercial Art; and

WHEREAS, Nossi School of Art was authorized by the Tennessee Higher Education Commission as a Post Secondary Art School on March 1, 1982; and

WHEREAS, the new commercial art school was accredited by the National Association of Trade and Technical Schools; and

WHEREAS, on September 5, 1991, Nossi School of Art changed its name to Nossi College of Art and was approved by the Accrediting Commission of Career Schools and Colleges of Technology and the Tennessee Higher Education Commission to award the Associate's Degree of Occupational Studies in Commercial Art; and

WHEREAS, in its continuing efforts to prepare students for professional creative careers, the school added Digital Photography to its degreed program in 2001, again receiving approval from AACSCT and the Tennessee Higher Education Commission; and

WHEREAS, Nossi College of Art has become a recognized leader in the field of Commercial Art and Digital Photography; and

WHEREAS, Nossi College of Art is dedicated to furthering the education of persons desiring a career in commercial art, graphic design, and photography; and

WHEREAS, businesses such as Nossi College of Art truly represent the American entrepreneur spirit and the best of civic and community responsibility and remind us of the importance of hard work and dedication; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED THIRD GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING, that we hereby honor and congratulate Nossi College of Art on its 30th Anniversary and extend to the students and staff our best wishes for continued success in the years to come.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.